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SUBJECT: CHINA ON U.S. DEALINGS WITH SOVIET THREAT

1. CHINA HAS ONCE AGAIN SIGNALLED TO THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION THAT, WHATEVER THE STATUS OF ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IT CONSIDERS SOVIET MILITARY EXPANSION AS THE MAIN PROBLEM IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA AND APPLAUDS -- ALBEIT INDIRECTLY -- U.S. INITIATIVES TO DEAL WITH THIS THREAT. CITING WASHINGTON REPORTS, A JANUARY 22 NCNA ARTICLE, ENTITLED "U.S. CONTINUES TO DEVELOP STRATEGIC WEAPONS TO COUNTER SOVIET THREAT," POINTS TO THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE CRUISE AND TRIDENT MISSILES AND THE B-1 BOMBER AS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE SCOPE AND MOMENTUM OF SOVIET MILITARY PROGRAMS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY, THE U.S. IS EVEN CREDITED WITH AN AREA OF SUPERIORITY; THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE SOVIETS LAG "FAR BEHIND" IN

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CRUISE MISSILE TECHNOLOGY. IT ALSO REPLAYS THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASSERTION THAT THE DECISION TO GO INTO PRODUCTION OF THE B-1 BOMBER "IS TAKEN IN CONFORMITY WITH NATIONAL INTERESTS."

2. A COMMENTARY IN PEOPLE'S DAILY ON THE SAME DAY ENTITLED "LULLABY FAILS TO LULL" IS THE THIRD MEDIA PIECE IN 8 DAYS,

FOLLOWING A HIATUS OF APPROXIMATELY HALF A YEAR, ARGUING THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN THE U.S. IS INCREASING ITS MISGIVINGS ABOUT DETENTE WITH THE SOVIETS. THE COMMENTARY NOTES WITH SCARCELY HIDDEN SATISFACTION THAT THE SOVIET MEDIA HAVE ATTACKED THIS GROWING FEELING AMONG THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AS A SIGN OF HOSTILITY TOWARD DETENTE AND AN EFFORT TO RENEW THE COLD WAR. CLEARLY KEYED TO CHINESE CONCERNS ABOUT THE PRIORITY THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL BE DEVOTING TO THE SOVIETS, THE ABOVE ARTICLES INDICATE NO CHANGE IN PRC PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET THREAT AND THE NEED FOR A STRONG U.S. DETERRENT.

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